

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A service for regulating a download of a software from a server to a client computer on a network, the regulating being determined by a physical location of the client computer on which the software is to be downloaded, the service comprising:

storing a first list of authorized location ranges where a client computer is authorized to receive a download of a software from a server;

determining a physical location of the client computer;

comparing the physical location of the client computer with the first list of authorized location ranges; and

downloading the first software only if the physical location of the client computer is within the range of one of the authorized location ranges from the first list of authorized location ranges.

2. The service of claim 1, further comprising:

upon determining that the physical location of the client computer is not within the first list of authorized location ranges, requesting a download of a second software, the second software having a second list of authorized location ranges;

comparing the physical location of the client computer with the second list of authorized location ranges, and

downloading the second software only if the physical location of the client computer is within the range of one of the authorized location ranges from the second list of authorized location ranges.

3. The service of claim 1, further comprising:

upon determining that the client computer is not located within an authorized area for the requested software download, generating an alert to a software administrator server of the unauthorized area in which the client computer is located while attempting to download a restricted application.

4. The service of claim 2, wherein the first and second lists of authorized location ranges are stored in the server.
5. The service of claim 1, wherein the physical location of the computer is determined from a Global Positioning System (GPS) signal.
6. The service of claim 5, wherein the physical location of the computer is determined from a local enterprise generated signal.
7. The service of claim 6, wherein the local enterprise generated signal is confined to a single room.